

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: May 27, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson, Kermit R. Williams, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra.

Steve Elliott was first on the agenda to discuss paving. The streets that are scheduled to be paved this year are Russell Street, the bottom of Prince Street and Tremont Street. Due to the school renovation project Tremont Street will not be done as part of this schedule. Steve talked about the issues with Russell Street, saying that the street is busy and narrow. He explained that the Town has a 30 foot right of way; he has staked it out so the Selectmen can look at it. Several possible solutions were discussed; including taking some of the right-of-way; make the street one way; disallow parking on either side; remove the sidewalk; or do nothing at all. Chief Hautanen was in attendance and he stated that it would help him if it was one way to control that intersection, and that it is tough for emergency vehicles to get through with cars parked on the street. The Selectmen decided to have a site walk on Russell Street to aid them in a decision. The date and time will be posted.

Next, Steve informed the Board that Maurice Guay has retired from the Recycling Center.

Steve told the Selectmen about the company he sells metal to (Recycling Services) has gone out of business and they owe the Town some money. The Board decided collection of the money should be

pursued. Attorney Little will be contacted for his recommendation of collection services.

Steve gave the Selectmen an update on the on-going discussions regarding painting the Dummy. After a discussion, the Selectmen gave Steve the go-ahead to make the decisions regarding the painting and the timeframe.

Chairman Condra made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(b) at 7:05 P.M. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M.

The Energy Committee was next on the agenda. Those in attendance were: Allison Meltzer, Mike Anderson, Erwin Kann, John Shepardson, Joe Broyles, and Rick Swanson. Rick started the discussion about energy audits being done at Town buildings starting with the Town Hall. He stated that \$100,000 per year is spent on electricity and heating oil for all Town buildings. Joe Broyles continued with a presentation about the Energy Committee and the possibility of establishing the committee as an official entity in Town government. The group will move forward with an energy audit for the Town Hall and plans to be organized to become a Town committee at Town Meeting. The Selectmen thanked the group.

Chairman Condra made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:08 P.M. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 P.M.

Main Street parking was discussed next. Selectman Williams handed out maps he had created which delineated parking spaces on Main Street. It was noted that Chuck Crawford offered the spaces that go

with the Wilton Falls Building for public parking with a sign reading “Public Parking Courtesy of Kimball Physics”. The Selectmen would like public lots to be marked with “Public Parking” signs. Ownership of the lot in front of Joan Lemire’s yellow building was discussed. Selectman Williams talked to the Main Street merchants and the consensus was that they want to remove the two hour parking limit. Further discussion included these topics: 30 minute spots, signage for handicapped parking, use of the Fire Station lot, and a possible spot for overflow parking. Selectman Williams will put together a list of needed signage.

The LCIP request for the Frye Field easement was discussed next. The Select Board has been asked to support that effort, based on Town support of the easement. There was much discussion on this topic. Chairman Condra stated that if the Town supports this effort to apply for grant money then there should be a stipulation to reduce the \$80,000 that needs to be raised by the Town. Selectman Swanson did not agree. He would like the Board to support this LCHIP grant which sends a message that the Town supports the Frye Field Easement, stating that his support is not conditional upon saving money. Selectman Williams position is that if there is an opportunity to supply some amount of reduction based on getting the LCHIP Grant then he is ready to do that; if there’s extra money when all the pieces are put together. After further discussion, Selectman Williams summed it up as follows: It seems that the Board is in agreement to support the effort and potentially see some reduction; he doesn’t want to inflate that, but if the opportunity becomes available we should be available. If the LCHIP Grant is received then it is a benefit to the Town and if there’s a chance for a reduction that’s good too because it saves taxpayers money. Kermit will draft a letter of support for the next Selectmen’s meeting.

The Accounts Payable manifests were signed.
The meeting minutes were approved.

One (1) Timber Tax Warrant was signed
The NRPC Master Plan contract was signed.
One (1) Notice of Intent to Excavate was approved.

Chairman Condra updated the Board on the Water Commission's recent vote to repeal a backflow device on dry pipe systems.

Selectman Williams talked about the request by the Planning Board to remove a member. It was decided to schedule a Public Hearing, invite the member in question, and notify him by certified mail.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Condra to appoint Paul Levesque as an alternate member to the ZBA per Neil Faiman's request. The motion was seconded by Selectman Williams. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chairman Condra updated the Board with a conversation he had with Building Inspector John Shepardson to notify two people who had placed off-site signage around Town, which is against the sign ordinance.

The Selectmen discussed the Catholic Church tax situation, and based a motion on Assessor Todd Haywood's recommendation.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to accept the Assessors suggestion and make a counteroffer. The motion was seconded by Chairman Condra followed by a unanimous vote to tax the Rectory but not the Church building.

Chairman Condra discussed the need to have someone take responsibility for lowering the flag on the memorial plot to half staff when required. The Selectmen will look into finding someone who could take on this responsibility.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Swanson, followed by a

vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary